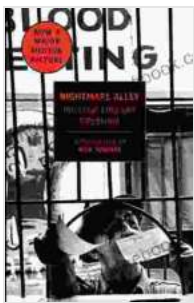


# Nightmare Alley: A New York Review of Classics

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## The Plot

*Nightmare Alley* tells the story of Stanton Carlisle (Bradley Cooper), a young man who dreams of becoming a successful con man. He joins a traveling carnival and quickly learns the ropes of the business. He becomes a skilled mentalist and is soon able to swindle people out of their money. However, his ambition eventually gets the better of him, and he becomes involved in a dangerous scheme that threatens to destroy everything he's worked for.

## The Cast

Bradley Cooper gives a strong performance as Stanton Carlisle. He's charismatic and charming, but he also has a dark side that's always lurking beneath the surface. Cate Blanchett is also excellent as Dr. Lilith Ritter, a psychiatrist who becomes Carlisle's mentor and love interest. Toni Collette is equally good as Zeena, a fellow carny who becomes Carlisle's partner in crime.

## **The Visuals**

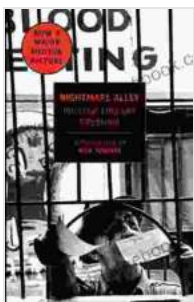
Nightmare Alley is a visually stunning film. Del Toro has created a world that's both beautiful and sinister. The carnival scenes are particularly impressive, with their bright lights and garish colors. The film's cinematography is also top-notch, with some truly stunning shots.

## **The Themes**

Nightmare Alley is a film about ambition, greed, and the dangers of unchecked power. Carlisle is a man who is driven by his desire for success, but he's willing to do anything to achieve it. He's a classic antihero, and his downfall is both tragic and inevitable.

## **The**

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